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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, which was mailed to Applicant on 11 April 2006, for the above-identified patent application. Applicant requests a 25 Three Month Extension, for which the Commissioner is authorized to charge fees due to the Glenn Patent Group Deposit Account No. 07-1445, Customer No. 22862. Applicant considers this document to be filed in a timely manner.

Applicant has entered ten new dependent Claims. The Application as originally 30 filed included 30 total claims, with 2 independent Claims. The Application as currently prosecuted includes 40 total claims, with 2 independent claims. Applicant therefore authorizes payment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.16(i) of \$300 for 12 additional claims, to be charged to the Glenn Patent Group Deposit Account No. 07-1445, Customer No. 22862.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to the Glenn Patent Group Deposit Account No. 07-1445, Customer No. 22862.

- A brief telephone conversation was held between the Examiner and Donald M. Hendricks, Applicant's representative, on 09 August 2006, wherein the Examiner and Applicant's representative briefly discussed the present invention, as disclosed in the Application as filed and as proposed to be claimed in Claims 1 and 16, and the cited art of record. No agreement was reached at that time.
- An Examiner's Interview was held between the Examiner, Henry Whitfield, the inventor, and Donald M. Hendricks, Applicant's representative, on 05 October 2006, wherein the Examiner, Henry Whitfield and Applicant's representative discussed the present invention, as disclosed in the Application as filed and as proposed to be claimed in Claims 1 and 16, and the cited art of record. No
- 15 agreement was reached at that time.